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Great Falls Public Library February 2024 Events

Art in the Library – Jesse DesRosier

When: Through February 29

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 1st and 2nd Floor

What: Jesse DesRosier, Amskapi Piikani, Blackfeet Tribal Member, is a teacher of the Blackfeet Language. He teaches at The Piegan Institute's Cuts Wood School and Blackfeet Community College in Browning. DesRosier served in the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Okinawa, Japan



Dorothy Bradley, Author Talk on her book “In Celebration”



When: Friday, February 2, 5 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Dorothy Bradley joins us at the library to talk about her new book, “In Celebration” which she says covers three fundamental things in life, “What you do, where you do it, and who you do it with.” At the age of 23, Dorothy won a seat in the Montana House of Representatives where she served as the only woman in 1971. Serving eight terms she was known for her leadership on difficult issues she championed and her consensus-building approach. Dorothy was the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1992.

Community Paramedic

When: Friday February 2 and 16, 2 to 3pm

Where: 2nd Floor Game Room

What: Alluvion Health Community Paramedic will be in the Library providing free blood pressure checks and community referrals.

Tax Help Montana

When: Every Wednesday from 2 to 6:30 pm & Saturday, February 3 and Saturday, February 24 from 10 am to 4 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room



What: Tax Help Montana (THM) is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program made up of a coalition of community partners led by RDI, **offering free tax preparation and filing services to seniors and low-moderate income families and individuals.** Tax Help Montana volunteer tax preparers are trained and IRS-certified to help ensure each client is receiving this and other tax credits for which they qualify.



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Friends of the Library Donation Days

Where: Entrance behind library

When: Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

What: The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library will start collecting items for the upcoming Book sale coming up in May.

Memory Cafe

When: Tuesday, February 6, 12:30 to 2 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Memory Cafés are a comfortable, social gathering that allow people experiencing memory loss and a loved one to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. Cafés are free to attend and welcome to all.

For more details, contact Katrin Finch at MSU Extension, Cascade County 406-454-6980

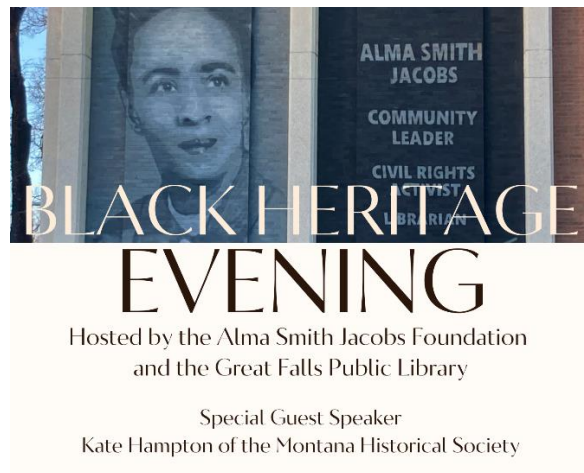
Memory Cafe @
Great Falls Public Library

Black Heritage Evening, Co-hosted by the Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation

When: Thursday, February 8, 6 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Join us as we celebrate Black Heritage Evening and Black Heritage Month. Our keynote speaker is Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator with the Montana Historical Society. She will speak about her documentary, "Hidden Stories: Montana's Black Past." An offering of soul food will be served, and the Alexander Temple Saints Dancers, the Community Gospel Choir and other local speakers will join the program, also.



Jesse DesRosier Talks about his artwork in reception/lecture

When: February 9, 6:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room and 1st floor near artwork

What: Artist Jesse DesRosier, Amskapi Piikani, will visit with patrons in a reception from 4:30 to 5 and will then speak in the Cordingley Room from 5 to 6 pm.



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Montana Primary Care Association Health Insurance Navigator



When: Friday, February 9, 10 am to 2 pm.

Where: 2nd Floor Game Room

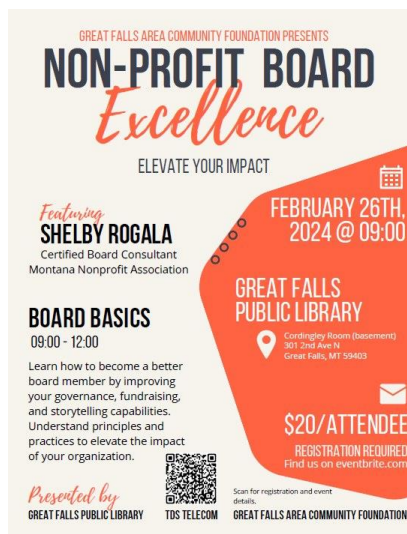
What: If you are struggling with enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace or just want to learn more about health insurance options available to you, then come talk with a Healthcare Navigator.

Winter Speaker Series: Alyssa Roggow, “The Art of Storytelling”

When: February 15, 7 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Spend an evening at the library with art, live music, and poetry! In this multi-sensory, inquiry-based event, folks will embark on a guided exploration of narrative across different art forms and experience how elements of storytelling can help us understand what we see and hear led by the talented violist Alyssa Roggow. Guests will gain tools to engage with artworks of all types. Both seasoned lovers of the arts and curious beginners are welcome.



The Great Falls Area Community Foundation presents “Non-Profit Board Excellence”

When: Monday, February 26, 9 am to noon

Where: Cordingley Room

Cost: \$20 per person/Pre-register on Eventbrite.com

What: Join fellow board members, the Great Falls Area Community Foundation and Montana Nonprofit Association for an engaging workshop on volunteer non-profit board service. You’ll leave with a strong understanding of what board members do and ideas for building a better board of directors. Rogala has worked with the Montana Nonprofit Association to develop, deliver, and organize training and resources for five years. She is passionate about connecting community and nonprofit leaders to resources, people, and training that can help make their work easier, more effective, and even a little more joyful.

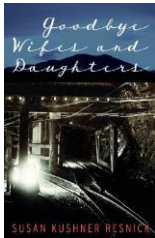


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February Book Clubs

The only thing better than reading a good book is talking about good books.

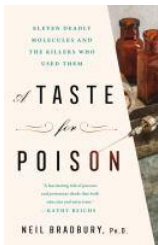


Open Books with Penny - 1st Thursday

When: February 1, 7 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Discussion of *Goodbye Wives and Daughters*, by Susan Resnick



Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday

When: February 13, 4:30 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Discussion of *A Taste for Poison*, by Neil Bradbury



Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday

When: February 10, 10 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Horse Whisperer*, by Nicholas Evans



Page Forward Tuesday with Susie - 4th Tuesday

When: February 27, 7 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Discussion of *Magyk: Book 1 in the Septimus Heap Series* by Angie Sage



Silent Book Club at Luna Coffee, 3rd Saturday

When: February 17, 10 am

Where: Luna Coffee Bar, 9 5th St S.

What: Chat with others about a book you've brought, read your book, relax or write/continue to read.



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Library Closed for Presidents' Day

When: All day Monday, February 19

What: The library will be closed on Presidents' Day. We will reopen Tuesday, February 20 during our regular hours.

United Against Hate with the US Attorney Office

When: Tuesday, February 20, 3 to 5 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: The United Against Hate event will feature a short presentation by the U.S. Attorney's Office followed by a panel discussion with federal and local partners. The Public may also ask questions or comment.



Black Great Falls High Students: Lives of Achievement



When: Friday, February 23, 5 pm

What: In honor of Black History Month, area historian Ken Robison will present little known national achievements of several Great Falls High School students who overcame the repressive racial environment in Great Falls and the nation of past years.

Russell Rowland author talk, "56 Counties: A Montana Journey"

When: Thursday, February 29, 6:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Russell Rowland is a critically acclaimed author of six books, a literary podcast host, writer and host of an NPS radio program. From the written to the spoken word he is a true voice of the Big Sky state. For two years, Russell traveled to every county in Montana and interviewed people about what it means to be from Montana and how living/growing up here has shaped them as people. Join us as Russell talks about his book and signs copies afterward.





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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Story Time

When: Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30

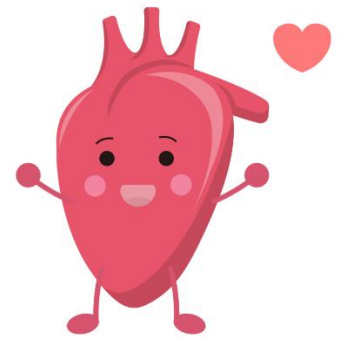
February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Preschoolers 2 ½ to 5 years old, their families, and caregivers

What: Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us face-to-face at the Great Falls Public Library to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, and a great story.

February's Theme is Happy and Healthy Hearts!



Toddler Time

When: Friday mornings, 10:30-11:15, February 2, 9, 16, and 23

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Babies and toddlers birth to 2 ½ year and their families and caregivers

What: Babies, toddlers, and their families are invited to join us face-to-face at the Great Falls Public Library to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, lap bounces, and a great story.

February's Theme is Love



Heart Health Month Story Walk



When: Wednesday, February 7 to Saturday, March 2

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Families with kids of all ages

What: February is Heart Health Month. Visit Gibson Park between dawn and dusk this month to read two awesome heart health stories: First, read *Henry's Heart* by Charise Mericle Harper to learn about everything our hearts do for us and what we can do to keep them healthy, then stretch and relax with *Dinosaur Yoga* by Mariam Gates.



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Docs & Tots with medical students from Touro College

When: Friday, February 9, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Where: Cordingley Room (basement)

Audience: Children 3 to 8 years and their families and caregivers

What: Please join us as we welcome medical students from Touro College for a hands-on, play-based exploration of going to the doctor. Kids will explore basic medical tools with stethoscopes in this fun, interactive program with future physicians, increasing their familiarity with doctors, doctor visits and reducing fear. If your child has a favorite stuffy, please ask them to bring it with them to see the doctors. Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine recently opened a new location in Great Falls. For more information, please visit their website: <https://tourocom.touro.edu/>



Great Falls Teen Council Winter Beach Party

When: Friday, February 9, 9 to 11:30 pm

Where: Community Recreation Center- 801 2nd Ave N

Audience: Teens ages 12 to 18 years old.

What: Teens are invited to attend the Winter Beach Party following the Great Falls High-C.M. Russell High crosstown game! Dance and play beach volleyball with your friends, and take 360-degree selfies using a fantastic photobook from 360 MT! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Be a community leader-plan fun, free events for your peers, and raise your voice to tell your local government what you really think about the issues that matter to you, all while building your resume and college applications. Find out more at the Winter Beach Party!

